

Reading Shade Tree Commission Meeting, February 7, 2011

Present: D Ruyak, D Moodhart, J Slifko, R Reimer, P Dolan

Meeting was called to order at 6:04 PM.....

K Zeiber issued permits for 3 tree removals and 2 tree prunings last month.....

Patrick Dolan, Dolan Const, brought the plan for an addition to the former Cingular Bldg, 209 Lancaster Ave for the Family Wash Day Laundromat.....Building and parking area to be enlarged by about 50%.....Six new trees will be planted on site, D Ruyak will meet with Dolan there to determine location and species of trees due to overhead wires etc.....

D Ruyak and helper were very busy first week of February clearing debris from ice storm.....

Final revised version of Shade Tree Work Permit Application was completed and approved

Due to shrinking Streets Dept work force and the fact that D Ruyak's helper is transferring, a suggestion was made that the money needed to replace him be used to contract for the removal and trimming of our trees.....We would contract, using the amount of money saved, for several city blocks plus X number of dead trees at locations to be determined during the year.....This would be repeated on a yearly basis.....Bids would be required for the package.

The bike trail along the river needs to be widened requiring the removal of some trees...

Skyline overlooks also need to have some trees removed to allow a view in the Summer... Suggested that the person who cleared trees at the Pagoda or someone else be found to remove trees at these four sites at no expense to city but keeping wood as compensation.. D Ruyak will explore this possibility.....

Meeting Adjourned.....

R Reimer, vice/chair.....